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Applicants : Nobuyuki KOBAYASHI et al. Group Art Unit: 2615
Appln. No. : 09/910,849 Examiner: Daniel R. Sellers
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For : DIGITAL RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is a statement of the substance of the telephonic interview conducted on August 31, 2006 with regard to the above captioned application. The participants to the interview were Examiner Daniel R. Sellers and Applicants' representative, Safet Metjahic. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for granting the telephonic interview after Final Office Action.

During the interview, Applicants' representative respectfully submitted that the U.S. Patent No. 4,688,169 to Bhagirath S. Joshi fails to teach or suggest, alone or in any proper combination, the claimed subject matter of at least claim 1. Moreover, Applicants' representative further submitted that U.S. Patent No. 6,446,177 to Yoshiyuki Tanaka et al. fails to teach or suggest, alone or in any proper combination, the claimed subject matter of at least claim 1. Examiner Sellers requested that Applicants file a Response after Final Office Action and that he will enter it upon receipt. The Examiner

indicated that he will withdraw the outstanding rejections based on the Joshi and Tanaka *et al.* patents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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